is a silicon compound of formula $R_a^5R_b^6Si(OR^7)_c$, where a is 0, b is 1, c is 3, R^6 is a branched alkyl or cycloalkyl group, optionally containing heteroatoms, and R^7 is methyl.

22. (Original) The catalyst according to claim 15, which is obtained by pre-contacting the components (a), (b) and optionally (c) for a period of time ranging from 0.1 to 120 minutes at a temperature ranging from 0 to 90°C.

23. (Original) The catalyst according to claim 22, in which the pre-contact is carried out of in the presence of small amounts of olefins, for a period of time ranging from 1 to 60 minutes, in a liquid diluent, at a temperature ranging from 20 to 70°C.

24. (Previously presented) The catalyst according to claim 15, which is pre-polymerized with at least one olefin of formula CH_2=CHR, where R is H or a C1-C10 hydrocarbon group, up to forming amounts of polymer from about 0.1 up to about 1000 g per gram of solid catalyst component (a).

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25. (~~Previously presented~~ Currently Amended) A process comprising (co)polymerizing olefins CH_2=CHR, wherein R is hydrogen or a hydrocarbon radical having 1-12 carbon atoms, carried out in the presence of a catalyst comprising a product obtained by contacting:

(a) a solid catalyst component comprising Mg, a titanium compound selected from titanium tetrahalides, or of formula $TiX_n(OR^1)_{4-n}$, wherein $0 \leq n \leq 3$, X is halogen, and R^1 is C_1-C_{10} hydrocarbon group, a halogen, and an electron donor compound (ED) selected from ethers,